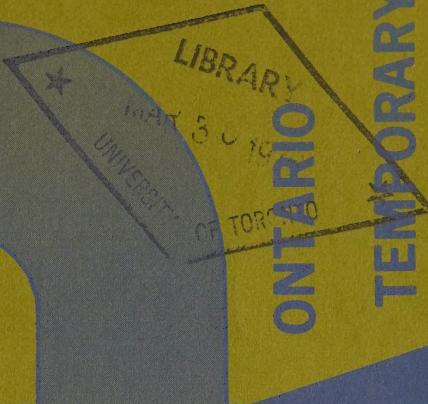
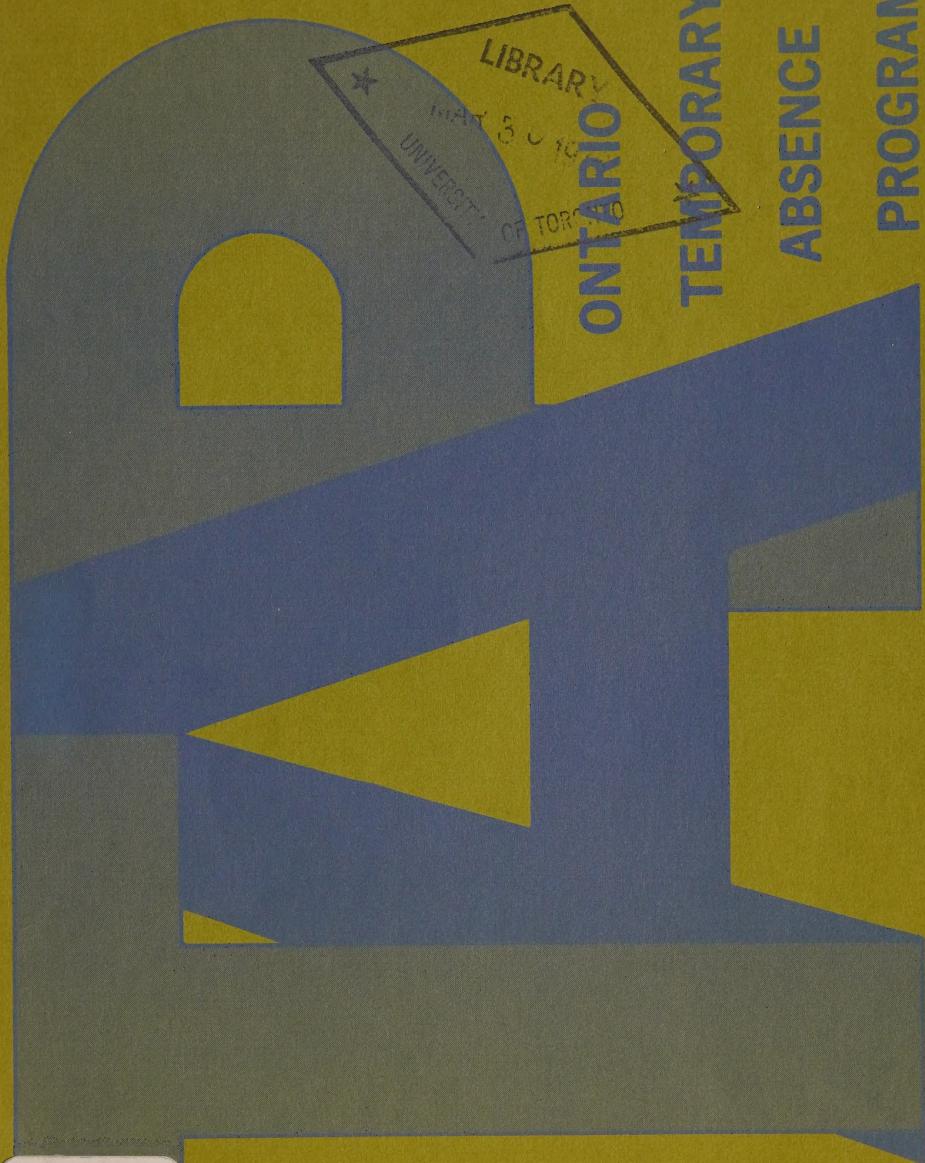


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TEMPORARY
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PROGRAM

TEMPORARY ABSENCE PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES:

One type of Temporary Absence from a correctional institution in Ontario allows an individual serving a sentence to work in the community, returning each evening to the institution. He is still subject to institutional controls and is able to continue to receive counsel at the institution. The fact that he is able to earn and pay taxes, contribute to his family's income, repay debts, and pay towards his keep at the institution, not only increases his own self-respect; it is also to society's benefit.

How employment temporary absence operates

A sentenced offender who has an offer of employment makes application for the program. If his application is successful, he will be transferred to the institution closest to the work location.

The prospective employee must provide information on:

- the hours of work — shift work and overtime are acceptable
- the expected wages — which must be standard for the job
- his previous experience in the work

- the means by which he will travel between the job and the institution — normally this is by public transportation, but use of his car is permitted if his licence is valid

The employer completes an employer agreement form undertaking to:

- pay standard wages
- give advance notice of overtime
- report absences from duty
- make required deductions

The institution, in evaluating the application, takes account of:

- the needs and ability of the applicant
- the requirements of the employer
- the positive value of the particular employment
- institutional program priorities
- the interests of society

Temporary Absences are less likely to be granted where there is a history of assault, arson, drug trafficking, alcoholism, or escaping custody.

The following figures represent the monthly cumulative total of all approved and active TA applications during one recent month: (These figures do not include approved and active Extended TAs in Industrial Programs at Guelph C. C. and Maplehurst C. C., in Residential Training Programs at the House of Concord or in Community Resource Centres.)

Employment	261
Educational	114
6-15 day	3
1- 5 day	706
Monthly Cumulative total of active applications	1084*

**This figure includes some applications which have been granted for different reasons to the same person, e.g. an employment interview, a home visit, and a job would each be recorded separately.*

This total includes TAs approved in previous months and still active.

Legislation permitting temporary absence came into effect in August 1969. The first TAP application was approved on September 13, 1969. By March 31, 1975 approximately 6 years after inception:

51,254 applications were submitted

29,512 of these were granted

Temporary absence for employment provides for graduated steps from the institution towards full community release:

- it permits a progression from institutional controls and programs to various combinations of institutional, community and work experience
- it enables the offender to resume the normal responsibilities of citizenship, thus restoring his self-respect and increasing his prospects for rehabilitation

- it provides public-spirited employers with the opportunity to assist in this process of rehabilitation.

EXTENDED TA

Recent provisions for Extended Temporary Absence beyond the former 1- to 15-day limit enables selected inmates to take part in industrial-employment TA programs within institutions — such as Guelph C. C. and Maplehurst C. C. — and to reside in more open community settings such as the House of Concord and Community Resource Centres. Increased working, earning, and learning possibilities are thus provided.

Participants in the Extended TA Program are not yet included in the above statistics.

If you are interested in obtaining further information about this program, or if you have work opportunities presently available for those in our care, please telephone or write to the Superintendent of the institution in your area, or to one of the following:

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Temporary Absence Branch
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Toronto, Ontario
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institutions of the Ontario Ministry of Correctional Services

NORTHERN REGION

Correctional & Adult Training Centres

Monteith Adult Training Centre
 Monteith Correctional Centre
 Valgagne 2521
 Thunder Bay Adult Training Centre
 Thunder Bay Correctional Centre
 (807) 577-8401

Provincial Jails

Fort Frances Jail (807) 274-5771
 Haileybury Jail (705) 672-3701
 Kenora Jail (807) 468-8125
 North Bay Jail (705) 472-8115
 Parry Sound Jail (705) 746-5631
 Sault Ste. Marie Jail (705) 254-7441
 Sudbury Jail (705) 674-3151
 Thunder Bay Jail (807) 345-6721

WESTERN REGION

Provincial Jails

Brantford Jail (519) 752-5459
 Chatham Jail (519) 352-0150
 Guelph Jail (519) 822-2650
 Kitchener Jail (519) 745-5647
 London Jail (519) 434-1638
 Niagara Regional Detention Centre
 (416) 227-6321
 Sarnia Jail (519) 337-3261
 Simcoe Jail (519) 426-2104
 St. Thomas Jail (519) 631-3372
 Stratford Jail (519) 271-2180
 Windsor Jail (519) 254-2891
 Woodstock Jail (519) 537-2411

Correctional & Adult Training Centres

Burtsch Adult Training Centre
 Burtsch Correctional Centre
 (519) 484-2421
 Glendale Adult Training Centre
 (519) 426-3561
 Guelph Correctional Centre
 (519) 822-0020
 Guelph Assessment and Treatment Unit
 (519) 822-0020

CENTRAL REGION

Correctional & Adult Training Centres

Ontario Correctional Institute
 (416) 457-7057
 Brampton Adult Training Centre
 (416) 451-5580
 Mimico Correctional Centre
 (416) 255-0131

Maplehurst Adult Training Centre
 Maplehurst Correctional Centre
 (416) 878-8141
 Vanier Centre for Women
 (416) 459-9100

Provincial Jails

Barrie Jail (705) 728-3933
 Brampton Jail (416) 457-5260
 Hamilton Jail (416) 527-2261
 Milton Jail (416) 878-2331
 Orangeville Jail (519) 941-3880
 Owen Sound Jail (519) 376-0435
 Toronto Jail (416) 466-2164
 Walkerton Jail (519) 881-3442

EASTERN REGION

Correctional & Adult Training Centres

Millbrook Correctional Centre
 (705) 932-2624
 Rideau Adult Training Centre
 Rideau Correctional Centre
 (613) 269-4748

Provincial Jails

Brockville Jail (613) 342-1456
 Cobourg Jail (416) 372-7432
 Cornwall Jail (613) 932-5720
 Lindsay Jail (705) 324-3792
 L'Orignal Jail (613) 675-4644
 Ottawa-Carleton Regional Detention
 Centre (613) 824-6080
 Pembroke Jail (613) 732-2561
 Perth Jail (613) 267-4303
 Peterborough Jail (705) 743-7331
 Quinte Regional Detention Centre
 (613) 354-2171
 Whitby Jail (416) 668-7791



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